

# One of Leading Major League Clubs Likely to Undergo Change of Ownership Soon, Is Rumor

## Multi-Millionaire Is Said To Be Negotiating for Team

Cincinnati Reds Save Mays From Term in Minors by Refusing to Pass Him Up When the New York Colonels Ask Waivers, and Carl Is Still a Yankee

According to well authenticated "inside" dope—which always, of course, has to be taken less seriously during the off-season of rumor and counter-rumor—there is likely to be a change of ownership in one of our leading major league clubs before the next annual meetings in this city next month. A multi-millionaire, who for years has been very prominent in other avenues of sporting endeavor, is anxious to have his name associated with the national pastime, and is willing to pay anything within reason, or even more, if he can secure a club that would assure him the proper prestige for the investment involved.

Since the close of the last world's series rumor has associated any number of prominent club owners with the name of the champion Giants among them—with the auction block, but nothing has developed, while each suspect in turn has declared emphatically that never was the sale of an iota of stock contemplated. But in the present instance there appears more ground for suspicion than the vague outline of rumor. It is known that negotiations have so far progressed that but a small gap remains between the prospective purchaser and the price asked. Those who are close to the pulse of the situation predict a ready transfer of ownership, certainly, if at all, before the annual December meetings.

### Trip to Minors Planned

A leak to a Middle Western paper discloses the fact that Carl Mays, champion pitcher of the Yankees in 1921, had a narrow escape from a year's sojourn in the minors, at least. The story yesterday was confirmed by the fact that Carl, who controls the destinies of the American League champions.

The work of Mays during the season of 1922 was somewhat unsatisfactory to his manager and the owners who paid his semi-monthly check at the rate of \$10,000 a season. Carl, of the underlying delivery, was working under a two years' contract that has still another year to run, and those most interested in his behavior appear to have been of the opinion that the submarine ball artist did not always have his mind on his work. The trip to the minors was figured a proper prescription to make a naughty little boy behave. It was Cincinnati that saved Carl from the bugaboo.

At the conclusion of the recent world's series the Yankees asked waivers on Mays. All of the American League clubs quickly passed up the offer, so did all the National League clubs with the exception of Cincinnati. Of course the Colonels did not wish to sever connections permanently with such a valuable chatterbox as Mays had been in 1921, and when Cincinnati was obdurate waivers were recalled. Mays, therefore, will be among those present when the blue ink is signed.

Colonels Ruppert and Huston are now shaking hands with themselves that Cincinnati interposed. Carl Mays was the storm center of a fight between New York, Cincinnati and Boston on the one side and Ban Johnson and the five other American League club owners on the other that for a time threatened to disrupt the younger major league and merge with the National League on the side. Out of this fight eventually developed Commissioner Landis and a new era of prosperity. Certain Western papers friendly to the majority interposed the transfer of Mays to the minors and made capital accordingly of a victory for Johnson and his henchmen.

### Battle Likely at League Meeting

In admitting their innocent part in the transaction the two colonels yesterday afternoon made it plain that there was no weakening on their part as to the principle involved in the Mays litigation. There are ominous scrapings in the air that suggest the burning of war gear for another tilt in the lists. The American League meeting here in December may not be as peaceful as an Irish wake after all.

Colonel George Ham, of Montreal, the Canadian Pacific Railway potentate, who plays host each fall to a selected few of the baseball scribes, made the baseball rounds with a hastily improvised reception committee yesterday afternoon. The reception, accompanied by Joe Page, dean of the Canadian writers, stopped off for the day to break a journey from Washington to Montreal.

Babe Ruth will act as host to the local chapter of baseball writers on Monday night, the eve of his retirement until spring training. The king of sluggers, who has just returned from a barnstorming trip with Bob Meusel, a fellow exile last spring, will depart Tuesday for his farm at Sudbury, Mass. He will use his last stop at the bright lights surrounded by eristics to impress upon them the sincerity of reform.

## Florence Breaks "Met" 200-Yard Swim Mark

Excellent performances by Harold Florence, youthful aquatic star of the "Met" Club, were the feature of the opening water carnival of the Metropolitan A. A. U. indoor swimming season, in the sixty-foot pool of the City Athletic Club last night. Florence won the 100-yard freestyle, 200-yard breast stroke handicap, in the actual time of 2:54.4-5, or 4.1-5 seconds under the record for the metropolitan district, held by Stephen Ruddy, of the New York A. A. U., in 2:57.2-3, in the fastest time made in a 100-yard freestyle handicap, covering the distance in 0:57 in the elimination trials. But the latter feat went unwarded, as generous allowances to other contenders prevented his qualifying for the final.

Ruddy, the metropolitan breast stroke champion and record holder, won the 200-yard freestyle, in 2:18.4-5, and the 100-yard freestyle, in 0:57.2-3, in the fastest time made in a 100-yard freestyle handicap, covering the distance in 0:57 in the elimination trials. But the latter feat went unwarded, as generous allowances to other contenders prevented his qualifying for the final.

200-yard breast stroke swim (handicap)—Won by Harold Florence, Royal Club (12 seconds); William Sadlo, New York A. A. U. (10 seconds); second, E. W. Moore, New York A. A. U. (10 seconds); third, Time, 2:18.4-5. 100-yard swim (handicap)—Won by David Neeland, New York A. A. U. (8 seconds); second, Albert Anderson, New York A. A. U. (8 seconds); third, Ewald Wildforster, New York A. A. U. (8 seconds); fourth, Time, 1:58.4-5. 50-yard swim (handicap)—Won by Howard Hansen, Central S. C. Brooklyn; E. Weinman, New York A. A. U.; second, Edward Gilla, Central S. C. Brooklyn; third, Time, 1:18.4-5. 25-yard swim (handicap)—Won by J. W. Kreutner, Central S. C. Brooklyn (10 points); second, Albert Anderson, New York A. A. U. (10 points); third, Ewald Wildforster, New York A. A. U. (10 points); fourth, Time, 1:18.4-5. 100-yard swim (handicap)—Won by David Neeland, New York A. A. U. (8 seconds); second, Albert Anderson, New York A. A. U. (8 seconds); third, Ewald Wildforster, New York A. A. U. (8 seconds); fourth, Time, 1:58.4-5.

### Amherst Soccer Victor

Amherst closed its soccer season to-day by defeating Williams, 1 to 0. The visitors were on the defensive throughout.

## And Then She Took Up Golf

By BRIGGS



## Tribune Experts Will Report Games To-day

THOSE readers who find it impossible to witness the various football games to-day will still be able to follow every detail of the play, as well as general descriptions of each game, by reading the sporting pages of The Tribune to-morrow.

As on previous Sundays, The Tribune's staff of experts will give vivid word pictures of all that takes place on the gridiron.

GRANTLAND RICE, recognized as the most brilliant sports writer in this country, will write a general descriptive story of the Princeton-Harvard game at Cambridge.

V. B. HANNA, known wherever the game is played as a keen analyst of football strategy, will tell of the "inside" features that distinguish the battle between Princeton and Harvard.

JOHN KIERAN will write another of his typical descriptive accounts of the Princeton-Harvard encounter, not neglecting the humorous sidelights that have featured his previous reports this season.

INNIS BROWN, himself noted, first as one of the premier players of the South, and later as one of the best known writers on football, will give Tribune readers a stirring description of the Cornell-Dartmouth game at the Polo Grounds.

RAY MCCARTHY, whose comprehensive knowledge of football has caused his opinions on the big games to be eagerly sought after, will describe the gridiron duel between West Point and Notre Dame on the Army field.

FRED HAWTHORNE, long known to Tribune readers as a versatile writer, will be at Philadelphia to tell of what he sees in the game between the University of Pennsylvania and the mighty Pittsburgh "Panthers."

A staff of special correspondents will cover all the other games of interest. If you want to get the best stories of to-day's football games, therefore, buy The Tribune.

## The SPORTLIGHT

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Four Years Later

(A few lost voices blown from a land once known as "Over There")

Through Belleau Woods, where the ghost lights gleam  
And the grisly shadows fall  
By shattered forest and stagnant stream,  
By the Argonne drifts we hold one dream,  
The last great dream of all,  
Of a land gray league on league away  
Under the starless foam,  
Where few remember our names to-day,  
For the trench is deep where dead men lay  
Four years away from home.

Oh, the trumpet fanfares haunt each plain,  
Dim echoes of the past,  
And the eerie drum taps sound in vain,  
For here, where our fading dust has lain,  
The strong clay holds us fast  
From home, and dreams in the quiet men  
Under remembered skies,  
Remembered fields where the rivers run,  
A friendly hearth when the day is done,  
Soft arms and starry eyes.

Four years ago, when the last great shell  
Crashed in the tangled wire,  
And over the hills, as silence fell,  
The last charge stopped at the edge of hell,  
Deep in the bloody mire—  
For you—back home and the peace of God,  
Where ancient altars burn;  
For us—to sleep in a foreign sod,  
Part of the loam and the broken clay  
The next plowshare may turn.

There's many a mate together here,  
Wrapped in the starry fold  
Of the flag we loved, when clean and clear  
The bugle called through a vanished year  
And stirring war drums rolled;  
We came, and found that the grave was deep,  
Deeper than we could know,  
As year by year in our dreamless sleep  
We lay where only the lost winds creep  
And only lost gales blow.

When snows drift in or the spring suns shine  
Where old camps used to be,  
We're still on guard, though we make no sign;  
Doughboy and engineer, staff and line,  
And field artillery.  
Though the sergeant calls "Fall in!" no more,  
Leading some midnight hunt  
Through No Man's Land, where the field guns roar,  
The line still waits on a foreign shore,  
Holding the western front.

There's peace, we know, in the quiet dust,  
Where rain-washed crosses wait,  
Where the once blue steel is dark with rust  
And the crimson poppies guard the crust  
Above our dreamless fate;  
But over our sleep lost winds bend low  
To whisper in their flight  
Of home-bound mates from the long ago,  
And a certain girl we used to know,  
And one more summer night.

Four College Teams to Run  
Harriers from Cornell, Pennsylvania, Columbia and Dartmouth will meet this morning over the Van Cortlandt Park course, and the result will determine in a large measure the prospective favorites for the intercollegiate cross-country championship which will be held on the same course on Monday, November 27.

It is generally believed that the team championship will be won by either Pennsylvania, Cornell, Columbia, Princeton, Syracuse or M. I. T., and with three of these colleges competing in to-day's race the result should offer a good line on what might be expected later in the month.

Among the individual stars who will cover the six-mile route this morning are Elmer McLean, of Penn., who won the junior title last year; Walter Higgins, of Columbia, national intercollegiate, two-mile champion, and H. Gordon, of Cornell.

Ford Can't Get Tickets For Football Contest  
ANN ARBOR, Mich., Nov. 10.—Tickets to the Michigan-Wisconsin football game to be played here November 18, are at such a premium that Henry Ford was unable to obtain them to-day.

Mr. Ford's secretary telephoning from Detroit requested that a box be reserved for the manufacturer and his party. He was informed that every seat at Ferry Field had been sold.

## Columbia Eleven Plays Middlebury Team Here To-day

After having spent practically the whole week drilling in fundamentals following the poor showing at Ithaca, the Columbia varsity eleven will meet the scrappy Middlebury outfit at South Field this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The morning's practice will probably line up against the Vermonters with an eleven differing considerably on the forward wall from that which faced Cornell a week ago. The wing situation has also been cleared up to a considerable degree for both of O'Neill's regular flanks are slated to start in the contest, with Jimmy Myers at left end and Bill Johnson at the right flank.

The former was injured during the battle with New York University and had been spending his time on crutches and the sidelines until Tuesday, while Johnson broke into the line-up to start against Dobie's outfit after having been on the hospital list since the fracas with Wesleyan.

Brodlie, who started at center for the first time this year when he was over the ball a week ago, has been moved back to his place at left guard, while Blaine, regular center, who sat on the side lines last week, will again take his place at the center of the line in the least pleased with Blaine's work, but the attempt to put a better center, Brodlie, in his place weakened the line considerably by taking the crew captain from the guard position. This was so evident during the game with Silent Gil's charges that the Blue and White football mogul has decided to leave well enough alone. With Brodlie back at guard, Ed Meyer, who started in his place, receives a seat on the side lines.

The teams will probably line up as follows:

Pos.	Columbia	Middlebury
L. E.	Myers	Klovenow
L. T.	Stretch	Brodowsky
C.	Blaine	Moynahan
R. T.	Gehrig	Moynahan
R. E.	Johnson	Klein
Center	Brodlie	Blaine
Guard	Ed Meyer	Ed Meyer
Fullback	Ed Meyer	Ed Meyer
End	Ed Meyer	Ed Meyer

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'Beat Lafayette,' Slogan  
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Nov. 10.—"Beat Lafayette" is the Rutgers slogan here to-night on the eve of the biggest home game for Foster Sanford's eleven. The Scarlet polished off its preparations with a brisk physical drill this afternoon and optimism is running high.

Sanford has the best team of the season at his disposal now that Keller, Benkert, Maloney, Captain Raub and Brennan are off the hospital list. The punting of Rutgers, which has been notably weak this fall, will be handled by Captain Raub and his improvement has been marked.

The usual night before mass meeting of students was held this evening in Ballantine Gymnasium, with the usual speeches and hoarays. Special additions to the seating capacity of Neilson Field have been erected for the record crowd that is expected.

McLeod and Agnew Win  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—Fred McLeod, former national open golf champion, and Charles Agnew, Washington State linkster, defeated Leo Diegel, whittier with Al Mitchell, England, in the recent Southern open tournament, and George Voight, another local public links player, 2 up, in a special match to-day over the Potomac public course here.

Matthews Wins Cue Match  
C. P. Matthews defeated J. E. Johann by 150 to 107 in the special handicap tournament at Lawler Brothers' Academy, Brooklyn, last night, and as a result of his victory Matthews is tied with Johann for first honors with five victories and one defeat. They will play off the tie next Wednesday.

Schoolboys Swim To-day  
The sixth of the series of dual high school swim meets for the P. S. A. L. championship will be conducted at the Columbia University pool starting at 1 p. m. to-day. These teams are tied for first place, three for third and two for fourth honors. The top three are Erasmus Hall, Townsend Harris and Stuyvesant.

Kid Wolfe Reinstated  
The suspension of Jack ("Kid") Wolfe, Cleveland boxer, imposed a month ago, was lifted yesterday by the New York State Boxing Commission. He is reinstated for boxing Midget Smith at Canton, Ohio, who was under the commission's ban.

## Army Has Hard Running Attack Ready for Notre Dame's Speed

Heavier Cadet Eleven Will Depend on Driving Close Order Offense, While Rockne's Fighting Team Has Usual Spectacular Game for To-day

By Ray McCarthy

WEST POINT, N. Y., Nov. 10.—Army and Notre Dame meet here to-morrow in what promises to be one of the greatest games of the series in football struggles between these two elevens. The feeling is general that there will be plenty of fireworks. West Point, with the best team it had since the war, has not been beaten this year. Neither has Notre Dame, which has won every game it has played handily.

Because of the different styles of these two teams it is extremely difficult to pick the winner. West Point, as usual, has a vicious, hard-running offense. In previous years this offense has been a little too compact to get the best results, but the material at hand allowed for little scope on offense. This year the Army coaches have had more to work with. Consequently there is greater scope to the attack, also it is more versatile.

In fact, the Cadets are using the Notre Dame shift in a modified form and are working forward passes with greater frequency. But they still retain their driving, close-order attack, and that, in fact, is going better than ever, working as it is behind a mammoth line, which is experienced and exceptionally capable. When Knute Rockne, Notre Dame coach, say the Army come on to the field he turned to one of the Army coaches and exclaimed: "Oh! I'm glad my children have gone to the dressing room. I don't want them to see those giants until they have to go."

Everybody laughed, but Rockne appeared quite serious about the matter. There is no denying that in size there is practically no comparison between the Cadets and this group of youngsters Rockne brought to the Plains to-day from out of the West.

Speed Is Outstanding Feature  
"How, then, do you explain the success of the Westerners?" somebody asked. Speed is the outstanding characteristic of this outfit from South Bend, that and its remarkable aggressiveness. Size means nothing to those fellows.

One man, after quizzing Rockne at length and having failed to elicit any favorable comment from the Indiana coach about his team, said: "Well, you must have something to do as well as you have this season."

"Oh, yes," replied the peppery Rockne, "those kids are great fighters. I'll say that for them. They'll be in there every minute to-morrow."

And that was as much as Rockne would say about his team or its chances.

This game, probably like the preceding ones, will be one of the most changing struggles which are so spectacular and exciting. It's a question of whether the Army can ram its way to victory, or whether Notre Dame can get by sweeps and passes in the four periods of play. If the Cadets can keep up their driving tactics to the finish they'll probably win. If the light line of Notre Dame can hold the Army back, the Westerners, undoubtedly, will come off victorious again, for once the visitors get their hands on the ball it takes an exceptionally strong and smart defensive team to stop them.

There is sure to be plenty of good football in this struggle. Castner, Notre Dame's fullback, for instance, is one of the likeliest looking backs of the year. Each season the South Bend students have a star or more in their line-up.

Castner This Year's Star  
Two years ago it was the notable George Gipp who thrilled the spectators here. Last year it was Johnny Mohardt, who flashed in and out so brilliantly with runs and passes. This trip it looks as if Castner would play the role of the leading man. He can certainly handle a football both with hands and feet.

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College Rowing Dates For Season of 1923  
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 10.—John Arthur Brown, chairman of Penn's rowing committee and member of the board of directors of the American Rowing Association, to-day announced the complete college rowing schedule for 1923 with the exception of the Poughkeepsie regatta as follows:

April 28—Childs Cup regatta (Columbia, Princeton and Pennsylvania), Schuylkill River, Philadelphia.

May 5—Harvard, Navy and Princeton triangular regatta, Lake Carnegie, Princeton, Yale, Columbia and Penn. triangular regatta, Housatonic River, Derby, Conn.

May 19—Yale, Cornell, Princeton triangular regatta, Lake Cayuga, Ithaca; Navy, Syracuse, Penn. and possibly Columbia, quadrangular regatta, Severn River, Annapolis.

May 26—Harvard and Cornell dual regatta, Charles River, Boston; American Henley, Schuylkill River, Philadelphia.

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